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ACCORDING TO THE CITIZEN MARCH 31, FOREIGN MINISTER
BOTHAS HAS ASKED ADMINISTRATOR-GEN STEYN TO STUDY THE
WESTERN PROPOSAL ON NAMIBIA PRESENTED TO THE SAG ON MARCH 30
AND TO LET THE GOVT KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HOW THE
POLITICAL PARTIES IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA FEEL ABOUT IT.
STEYN IS REPORTEDLY EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL WITH
POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHER GROUPS AND TO FORWARD THEIR
OPINIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW (APRIL 1).
BOTHAS, THE ARTICLE ADDED, WILL VISIT WINDHOEK ON MONDAY,
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APRIL 3, FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH STEYN AND LEADERS OF
POLITICAL GROUPS; AFTER THIS VISIT, THE CABINET WILL
PROBABLY ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION ON AN ELECTION DATE
AS WELL AS FURTHER STEPS TO PREVENT A REPETITION
OF THE ASSASSINATION OF BLACK LEADERS AND INTERNAL
VIOLENCE.

2. THE CABINET, THE CITIZEN REPORTED, HAD APPARENTLY DECIDED AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, ON CERTAIN STEPS IN VIEW OF THE MURDER OF KAPUWO. THE PAPER SPECULATED THAT ONE POSSIBILITY IS TO OUTLAW THE MILITARY WING OF SWAPO AND ANOTHER IS TO BAN "CERTAIN EXTREMISTS" IN SWAPO, WHO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTIGATING VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE HERERO AND OVAMBO FACTIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SAME NEWSPAPER REPORT, THE ELEVEN DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE REPS, ONE FROM EACH OF THE ETHNIC GROUPS IN NAMIBIA, WILL FLY TO CAPE TOWN ON APRIL 2 TO DISCUSS VIOLENCE IN THE TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THE PAPER GOES ON TO SAY THE DTA WILL ASK THAT SWAPO BE OUTLAWED IF IT DOES NOT OFFICIALLY DECLARE ITSELF IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATIC LEGALITY. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE DTA HAS ALSO WARNED THAT IT WILL TAKE STEPS OF ITS OWN TO STOP TERRORISM IF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION ARE NOT ENDED. BOWDLER

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